

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Claims**

Claims 18-22 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, and 15-17 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, and 15-17 are allowed. The applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for this.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103

The Examiner rejected claims 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Marieb et al. (2002/0076925) in view of Carlson et al. (3,632,438). Claims 18-22 have been canceled.

Since the remaining claims have been allowed by the Examiner, the applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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